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Richard Leslie "Dick" VanWestrienen, 83, of Rodney passed away Friday, April 27, 2012. He was born June 11, 1928 in Martiny Township, the son of Leslie and Florence (Smith)VanWestrienen. Dick graduated from Big Rapids High School in 1946. He served for three years in the United States Air Force Military Police, Motorcycle Division. Dick had an interesting career beginning as a Mail Carrier with the United States Postal Service, then a building contractor and for his last 40 years, an electrical contractor. During retirement he enjoyed winters in Texas, cooking, gardening and games with his grandchildren. He is survived by Stella, his wife of 60 years, four children, Mary Lou Chidester of Fairborn, OH, Larry (Jen) VanWestrienen of Phoenix, AZ, Bette Belic of Marquette, MI, Sue Ann (Harvey) Adamczak of Lake Ann, MI, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Also surviving, are two brothers, David (Ruthann) VanWestrienen of Phoenix, AZ, Dale (Kathy) VanWestrienen of Spring, TX, one sister, Dolores (Linn) Westover of Evansville, IN plus several nephews and nieces. Dick was preceded in death by his parents and one son-in-law, Paul Belic. A memorial service for Dick will be 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 11, 2012 at St. Peters Lutheran Church in Big Rapids with Pastor John Bookshaw officiating. His family will greet friends beginning at 10:00 a.m. prior to services. Burial will follow at Martiny Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.



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BM

Beth Martz posted:

Dick was always so kind. He would bring fruit out at Christmas time to the workers at MOARC. He did a lot of electrical work for the company and he always had such a kind heart. Thank you Dick for all of my memories of you.

May 21 at 8:00 PM

LV

Leon Vandawater posted:

My most recent memory of Dick was when we were in high school and he had an old car with BIG WHEELS that we would take thru the alleys of BR after a huge snowstorm. He was a fun guy to be around.

May 1 at 8:00 PM

AC

Alissa Cranney posted:

Grandpa had the best stories to tell and many of them. I remember spending time when I was younger at their house going garage sale shopping and visiting. He will be missed dearly. Love you Grandpa, rest in peace. Love, Alissa

April 28 at 8:00 PM

TC

Terry Chidester posted:

How do I start my feelings and thoughts for this Old Fart for which he and I became good and true friends. Started out with total dislike, stories from his younger brother, bad side of town, always in trouble etc..Then me seeing his little girl, Oh No. An

April 28 at 8:00 PM

LI

Lindy posted:

Stella sorry for your loss, Dick was a great guy. He sure had a great sense of humor.. You take care.

April 27 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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